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SUBJ: NATO AWACS: FURTHER TURKISH QUERIES

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1. EMBASSY POLITICAL/MILITARY OFFICER MET WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY NATO DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR GUN GUR ON
MAY 5 TO CONVEY USG RESPONSES TO AWACS QUESTIONS PER PARA 2
REFTEL. EMBASSY POL/MIL OFFICER ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT
GOT WOULD MAKE AWACS PROGRAM COMMITMENT AT MAY SESSION OF
DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DPC), AND CONVEYED USAF OFFER
TO HOST VISIT BY TURKISH MILITARY OFFICERS PER PARA 1 REFTEL.

2. GUR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR USG REPLIES AND SAID
THAT THESE WOULD BE STUDIES CAREFULLY BY THE FOREIGN
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MINISTRY AND MILITARY OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THE AWACS
PROGRAM. GUR INDICATED SATISFACTION WITH THE OPTIMISTIC
PROGNOSIS REGARDING THE 18 PLAN FORCE (PARA 2 A, REFTEL) AND
ASSURANCES RELATING TO DATA TRANSMISSION PER PARAS 2 B AND C,
REFTEL. GUR COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE NECESSARY POLITICAL
LEVEL DECISION ON A PROGRAM COMMITMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN
MADE BECAUSE OF RECENT OVERSEAS TRAVELS OF PRIME MINISTER

ECEVIT AND FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN, AND ILLNESS (NOT SERIOUS) THIS PAST WEEK OF DEFENSE MINISTER ISIK. FINALLY, GUR SAID HE WOULD CONTACT US IF HE HAD ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS AFTER STUDYING USG REPLIES TO AWACS QUESTIONS.

3. FYI, QUESTION OF INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN NATO AND IRANIAN AWACS WAS NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSSED AT MAY 5 MEETING.

4. REGARDING VISIT OF TURKISH OFFICERS TO U.S., WE UNDER-STAND THAT INVITATION MAY SHORTLY BE FORTHCOMING FOR TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) CHIEF, GENERAL KENAN EVREN, TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN U.S. IF EVREN VISIT MATERIALIZES, WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AWACS OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND VISIT AWACS UNIT. IF PROGRAM DETAILS ARE LAID OUT SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE, WE CAN SUGGEST TO TGS THAT AWACS EXPERTS BE INCLUDED IN EVREN'S PARTY. SPIERS

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